# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
# LOK SABHA

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DEATH OF INFANTS DUE TO VACCINATION
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether cases of infant deaths due to vaccination have come to the notice of the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)
(a): Yes Sir.

(b): State-wise details of deaths after vaccination during 2009 are as under:

| States | Number of reported deaths |
|---|---|
| Andhra Pradesh | 1 |
| Bihar | 2 |
| Gujarat | 1 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 6 |
| Maharashtra | 2 |
| Punjab | 1 |
| West Bengal | 1 |
| Total | 14 |

In year 2009, total 14 deaths have been reported as AEFI (Adverse Event Following Immunization) out of which 10 PIR (Preliminary Investigation Reports) were received. 6 cases were classified as coincidental death and other 4 cases were classified as unknown.

(c): Government of India has taken following steps in this regard:

1. National AEFI Committee and AEFI Committees in all States have been constituted to investigate and respond to such events.
2. Monitoring and Review of Cold Chain and Logistics is undertaken periodically.
3. Conduction of Health Workers (Vaccinators) training for taking all necessary precautions during vaccination.
4. Distribution of "Guidelines for Safe Immunization Practices" to States/UTs.